



## Miami-Dade Parks April 2005 Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY, 1

#### **International Orchid Festival**

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Local, national and international vendors will be selling thousands of orchid plants. The festival includes lectures, demonstrations and walking tours. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

#### **Skyward Kites**

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale, starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906

#### **Deering Historic Tours**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

#### **Dog Park**

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

#### **Deering Natural Areas Tours**

Daily. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

#### **"Lost Colonies of the Americas" Map Exhibit and Lecture**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Thru April 16. Claude Alix will give a lecture on rare and historical maps. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

#### **Sports Development Program**

\$40/6 sessions. Rotating lessons of golf, basketball and tennis for children ages 6-18 with Autism. Call Jody at 305.234.4948 for schedules and locations.

#### **Swim Lessons, Water Exercise & Arthritis Aquatics**

\$40/10 classes. Swim lessons and water exercise and arthritis exercise for ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis. Classes held at Tamiami, Norwood, A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

#### **Mountain Bike Trails**

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

#### **Skate Park**

3:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3 for two-hour session; \$5 for two-hour

session and safety equipment. Skate Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

### **Farm Village**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sundays for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

### **Amusement Center**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

## **SATURDAY 2**

### **Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 9 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305.375.4835 for locations.

### **Deering Seafood Festival on the Bay**

10 a.m. Enjoy a daylong seafood festival with delicious food and great musical entertainment. Call 305-233-5858 for ticket prices and details. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

### **Indian Key Canoe and Snorkel Tour**

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Rental of snorkeling gear is available at an additional fee of \$7. On this tour you will paddle over to the key, tour the island on foot and don your snorkel gear to explore the clear waters rich in marine life. Call 305.365.3018. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

### **Wheelchair Tennis Program**

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 6 and older. All skill levels. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

### **Crandon Kayak and Snorkel Excursions**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. \$50; \$35 Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share this fragile and unique sanctuary. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

### **Matheson's Mangroves Canoe Tour**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 14 and under. Saturdays and Sundays (Except Easter Sunday). Explore the magnificent mangrove community that lines Biscayne Bay on this relaxing canoe tour. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

### **Crandon Bayside Canoe Adventure**

9-11 a.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

### **Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 14 and younger. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach 305.944.6111.

### **WHAF Horse Show**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**Crandon Heritage Tram Tours**

3 p.m. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Saturdays and Sundays. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Guided Historical Nature Walk**

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

**Arch Creek Trail Tour**

10-11 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305.944.6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

**Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Trail Tours**

10 a.m. \$2. Saturdays and Sundays. Tour a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

**Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children: \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

**Firearm Safety**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

**NRA First Steps Course**

10 a.m.-12.30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

**Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals**

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

**Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals**

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 and Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami. Call 305.495.4637 for reservations at Tropical.

**SUNDAY, 3****Eco-Tour Van Trip: Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge**

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, N. Miami Beach.

**Chicken Key Canoe Tour**

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays and Sundays, except April 2. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Crandon Bird & Butterfly Walks**

8 a.m. \$3. Sundays. Learn the basics of bird watching and butterfly and moth identification on this naturalist-guided walk. Call 305.361.6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

**Wheelchair Basketball Teams**

Free. Sundays. Wheelchair basketball for athletes ages 10 and older. Call 305.755.7848 (v/tdd) for times. McArthur Senior High, 11035 SW 84 St., Miami

**MONDAY, 4****Basketball Team**

5-6 p.m. \$32/month. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Learn basketball skills, drills and compete in the Special Olympics. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

**TUESDAY, 5****Yoga Classes**

6-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays; 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays. \$60 for a six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**Water Safety Skills Class**

\$40/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ages 6 and older with disabilities. Class covers all levels of swim lessons, water exploration, and water safety. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) for schedule. A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**Swim Team**

5-6 p.m. \$40/5 weeks Water exercise \$30/5 weeks. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

**WEDNESDAY, 6****Feria De Sevilla en Raíces**

7:30 p.m. Free. An evening of Flamenco dance and music, featuring Arte Compas Flamenco Ensemble under the direction of Ana Miranda. Raíces Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Center at Miller Drive Park, 5510 SW 94 Ct., Miami, 305.271.0812

**Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

**THURSDAY, 7****Deering Night Hike**

7-9 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a moonlit guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Afternoon Tea at Fairchild**

3 p.m. \$35. Enjoy tea in the Ballroom. Call 305.667.1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

**SATURDAY, 9**

**Consorcio in Concert**

8 p.m. Call Box Office for tickets. Spanish rock group in concert. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

**Voices of Heritage Musical Revue**

7 p.m. \$10. This event will showcase the talents of students, ages 11 - 16, and feature selections from various musicals. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., 305.638.6771

**Everglades Peddle - Paddle**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35. Our Everglades adventure starts with a leisurely bike ride along historic Aerojet Road with a chance to stop at one of the region's best birding locations. We then hop in a canoe for a relaxed journey along the border of Everglades National Park. Call 305.365.3018 for registration, meeting location or further information.

**Greynolds Owl Prowl**

8 p.m. \$5. Also, April 14 & 23. Search for the elusive Eastern Screech Owl and other creatures of the night. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

**Making Friends With Butterflies**

10-11:30 a.m. \$24 per child with one adult, \$5 per additional person. Ages 4 and older with adult. Enjoy these fascinating insects in our Butterfly Garden and learn what plants will attract them to your yard. Bring home, as a gift, a favorite butterfly plant! Call 305.255.5551 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

**Bird Walk**

7:30-10 a.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Come learn about local and migrating birds at Deering. Explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous bird species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**Heritage Horse Show**

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**Sports Saturday**

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/month. Also, April 23. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

**Kendall Indian Hammocks Park Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Kendall Indian Hammocks, 11345 SW 79 St., Kendall

**SUNDAY, 10****Moonlight Musicale: A Tribute to Latin Music**

5:30 p.m. gates open. 7 p.m. concert. \$50 adults; \$100 VIP; \$15 children. Enjoy the cool fire of international recording artists Rose Max and Ramatis, and a Flamenco performance by renowned artistic director/dancer Clarita Filgueiras of Flamenco Puro, who will be accompanied by a guitarist, percussionist and singer. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, 305.667.1651, ext. 3391

**Hamburguers y Sirenazos**

3 p.m. \$15-\$35. Satirical comedy depicting the adventures of Cuban exiles when they first arrived in Miami. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

**Arch Creek Park Pioneer Family BBQ**

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call for cost. Bring the whole family out for a Barbeque like the pioneers use to do. Gather around to hear old stories and maybe see a re-enactment or two and play pioneer-style games. Call

305.944.6111 or 305.948.2891 for more information. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

### **Back to Nature Days**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Experience the Estate's natural splendor and learn all about our native flora and fauna. Event includes, displays, presentations and hands-on activities. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

### **THURSDAY, 14**

#### **Owl Walk and Campfire at Castellow Hammock**

7-9 p.m. \$10. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogrespined spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl in a tropical hardwood hammock. Then join us around the campfire to roast marshmallows, sing songs and tell stories. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

### **SATURDAY, 16**

#### **Lignum Vitae Key Canoe Tour**

8 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Join this adventurous canoe tour of the pristine island of Lignum Vitae in the Keys. Return to the Florida of the early 1900's as you explore the island's rare plants, animals, and the historic Matheson homestead. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park's Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

#### **Metrozoo Eco-Canoe Tour**

8-10 a.m. \$30 adults; \$25 ages 12 and younger. (Includes a zoo admission pass for a future visit. Experience the zoo in the early morning hours as you canoe through the backwater lake that is bordered by lush pinelands, dynamic oolitic limestone formations, and wildlife. Meet the Eco-van in front of the zoo for your transportation to the canoe tour launch site. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

#### **Spring Campfire Program**

5-9 p.m. \$15. Also, April 30. All ages. Begin the evening with a hike. We then take a canoe trip to the campgrounds where we relax around the campfire and enjoy roasted marshmallows and Native American nature-based stories. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, N. Miami Beach.

#### **Back Country Fishing Workshop**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15. Sharpen your skills when fishing the shallow backcountry waters of south Florida for such popular fish as snook, redfish, tarpon, and sea trout. Fishing techniques, choosing the right bait and other expert advice will be covered in this class. Call 305.242.7688 to register. Castellow Hammock, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Homestead

#### **Heart of the City Cultural Arts Series: Africa Reconnect 2005**

8 p.m. \$10 general; \$15 preferred; \$5 children 12 and younger. Heart of the City presents "Fashions of Africa" featuring professional designers and models from Africa, complimented by local African-Diaspora cultural groups. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

#### **Butterfly Walk**

2-3:30 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Designed for beginners and experts, this walk will explore various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

#### **Baynaza Sunset Canal to Coral Reef Park Clean-Up by Canoe**

4:30-7:30 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages under 18. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park, observing turtles, iguanas, and variety of birds. Along the way, we'll collect floating trash. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

**Heliconia Sale**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

**SUNDAY, 17****Alvarez Guedes**

3 p.m. Call Box Office for tickets. Cuban Comic Alvarez Guedes in performance. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

**MONDAY, 18****Magic City Monday: Body Nation Dance Theater**

10:30 a.m. \$3. Call 305.636.2350 for reservations. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami

**WEDNESDAY, 20****African Heritage Youth Choir**

7 p.m. Free. This showcase will feature students, ages 6 - 10, and provide an opportunity for the community to see upcoming artists. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.638.6771

**FRIDAY, 22****Crandon's Little Naturalist**

9-11 a.m. \$10 child & parent. Ages 5 and younger with parent. You, along with your young naturalist, will have the opportunity to participate in nature hikes, habitat studies, butterfly and bird watching, sea turtle programs and much, much more! Call 305.361.6767 to register. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Littlewood Farms Horse Show**

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

**SATURDAY, 23****Rhythm of The Tropics: A Pan American Celebration**

11 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Included with zoo admission: \$11.50 adults; \$6.75 ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Celebrate with food, music and crafts the cultures of the different Pan-American regions. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

**Crandon's Sunset & Moonlight Canoe Adventure**

7-9 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 14 and younger. Also, April 24. By the light of the full moon, discover the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Positively Primates!**

1-3 p.m. \$22 per child with one adult and \$5 per additional person. Ages 6 and older with adult. Children will learn funny and interesting facts about apes, monkeys and lemurs. Call 305.255.5551 to register. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami

**Tai Chi Classes**

10:30 a.m. \$60 for a six-week session thru May 28. Saturdays. Classes taught by Jeffrey Morris. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 225 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**Festival of Arts & Games**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. A day of arts and games for families and friends of children with disabilities. There will be wheelchair races, theater, petting zoo, music and arts and crafts. Call 305.412.4177 or

305.755.7848 (v/tdd) to register. Near shelter 5 at Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, 11395 SW 79 St., Miami.

**Bromeliad Show and Sale**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

**MONDAY, 25**

**Moonlight Canoe Excursion**

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

**SATURDAY, 30**

**“God’s Paint Brush” Art Exhibit & Lecture**

2 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Deering hosts Panamanian artist Sheila Lichacz with an exhibition of multi-media paintings that incorporate images and shards of indigenous pre-Columbian pottery. Lecture at 2 p.m. in Visitors Center. Exhibit runs display thru June 19. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 233

**Eco-Bike Tour at Metrozoo**

8-10 a.m. \$25 includes bike; \$20 ride your own bike. Journey by bike through endangered pine rockland habitat to view native birds and plants. Afterwards, enjoy the fascinating animals of the zoo. Call 305.365.3018 to register. Meet at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami.

**Chokoloskee Bay Canoe Tour**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$45. Leave behind the urban sprawl for the tranquil wilderness of Chokoloskee Bay on the West Coast of Florida. Explore parts of Half Way Creek as well the open waters of the Bay where a variety of wading birds, Bottle-nosed Dolphin, and other wildlife can be observed. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami

**A Masked Ball**

7 p.m. \$19-\$150. Also, May 1, 2 p.m.; and May 3, 6, & 7, 8 p.m. Florida Grand Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi’s masterpiece based on the true story of the assassination of the Swedish King Gustavus III. Sung in Italian with projected English translations. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

**Spring Plant Sale**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

**Begonia Show and Sale**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 adults; Free ages 3-12. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

**Oak Grove Park Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305.257.0933 for more information. Oak Grove Park, 690 NE 159 St., N. Miami